

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

C1 75. (Twice Amended) The catalyst-ceramic body according to claim 73, wherein an average distance between particles of said catalyst component is in a range of 0.1 to 100 nm.

C2 80. (Twice Amended) A catalyst-ceramic body comprising a ceramic support comprising a honeycomb structure and having a cordierite composition, wherein at least one of Si, Al and Mg elements constituting the cordierite composition being replaced by a metal having a catalyst activity.

C3 83. (Twice Amended) The catalyst-ceramic body according to claim 80, wherein said metal having a catalyst activity includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of noble metals, V, NB, Ta, Cr, Mo, W, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Sn, and Pb.

C4 87. (Twice Amended) A process for producing a catalyst-body, comprising:
preparing cordierite materials comprising a Si source, an Al source and a Mg source as well as a binder, some of said Si, Al and Mg sources being replaced by a noble metal-containing compound,
forming said cordierite materials into a honeycomb shape,

heating said honeycomb shape to remove said binder, and firing said honeycomb shape in a reduced pressure atmosphere at a pressure of not higher than 4000 Pa, a reducing atmosphere, an oxygen-containing atmosphere or an oxygen-free atmosphere to form a catalyst-ceramic body comprising a ceramic support of a honeycomb structure comprising a cordierite composition.

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88. (Twice Amended) A process for producing a catalyst-ceramic body, comprising:

preparing cordierite materials comprising a Si source, an Al source and a Mg source as well as a binder, some of said Si, Al and Mg sources being replaced by a noble metal-containing compound and a Ce-containing compound, forming said cordierite materials into a honeycomb shape, heating said honeycomb shape to remove said binder, and firing said honeycomb shape in a reduced pressure atmosphere at a pressure of not higher than 4000 Pa, a reducing atmosphere, an oxygen-containing atmosphere or an oxygen-free atmosphere to form a catalyst-ceramic body comprising a ceramic support of a honeycomb structure comprising a cordierite composition.

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99. (Twice Amended) A process for producing the catalyst-ceramic body as set forth in claim 73, comprising depositing a catalyst component a plurality of times using the same or different catalyst compositions.

102. (Twice Amended) The catalyst-ceramic body according to claim 80,
wherein said cordierite has a composition corresponding to a composition expressed by
 $2\text{MgO} / 2 \cdot 2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 5\text{SiO}_3$.

CH 103. (Twice Amended) The process for producing a catalyst-ceramic body
according to claim 89, wherein said cordierite has a composition corresponding to a
composition expressed by $2\text{MgO} / 2 \cdot 2\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 5\text{SiO}_3$.